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The Honorable Jane Sauls
301 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear The Honorable Sauls,

As many of you may know Tallahassee's own, Norman E. Thagard, M.D. is being inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame. This is a great honor for only 52 astronauts from the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, Apollo-Soyuz and Space Shuttle programs have been enshrined since the Hall of Fame was established in 1990. This year's inductees also include Dick Scobee, Fred Gregory, Dick Covey and Kathryn Sullivan.

Dr. Thagard will be inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame during a weekend ceremony on April 30th - May 1st in Cocoa Beach. As the first native Floridian to be inducted to the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame, we at the Challenger Learning Center of Tallahassee would like to show our hometown appreciation for him during a ceremony we wish to hold on the evening of May 15th.

However, in order to hold this reception in honor of Dr. Norm Thagard we need your help. As a non-profit educational facility we lack the funds required to hold such an event, therefore we are seeking a monetary donation from you or your company to help cover the expenses incurred for hosting such an event. Contributions will help to cover the cost of food, beverage, staffing and entertainment.

With your generous contribution you will receive:

\$2,000 Donation - Listed as Apollo Sponsor & 6 Tickets to the Reception

\$1,000 Donation - Listed as a Gemini Sponsor & 4 Tickets to the Reception

\$500 Donation - Listed as a Mercury Sponsor & 2 Tickets to the Reception

Please consider making a monetary contribution to assist the Challenger Learning Center in honoring Dr. Norman E. Thagard's induction into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame. Also, keep checking you mail for further details regarding the planning of the reception.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Fisher, M.A., M.Ed.
Director

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